

GOVERNOR PARSONS IN PRIMARY CAMPAIGN

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START IN BUFFALO MONDAY

Sulzer Active in Directing Work of Committees and in Raising Funds Needed to Carry on the Fight.

[By Telegraph to The Tribune.] Albany, May 12.—Governor Sulzer is to be "the whole thing" in the campaign to force unwilling legislators to vote for his great primary bill at the extraordinary session which convenes on June 16. Not even Theodore Roosevelt is to be allowed first place. This is the meaning placed on the action of the campaign committee at its meeting in the Assembly chamber this afternoon, when it decided that the governor should be the chief speaker in the tour of the state.

The campaign, which will be opened next Monday in Buffalo by the chief executive, will be conducted on the same plan as that of Governor Hughes when he forced the Legislature to reverse itself on the anti-trust gambling bill. This plan was adopted by the committee on the suggestions of Frederick N. Hinrichs, of Brooklyn, and Francis N. Kernan, of Utica.

Governor Sulzer told the legislative committee members that, besides getting the proposed legislation in shape, they should buttress every legislator who voted against the bill in the regular session and find out what his reason was. "Ask them if they are going to vote against our bill again," he said. "I understand that many of them voted against it before because they feared their local legislation would not get through. That's a situation that will not occur during the extra session."

While Governor Sulzer is now the premier advocate of direct primaries to ostracize the bosses, nobody could doubt that he was a real boss himself at the meetings of the Publicity, Legislative and Ways and Means committees in the executive chamber. He walked from one to the other to see that everything was done right.

The Governor suggested to the Publicity Committee that George F. Ketchum, of Warwick, would make a good chairman. Mr. Ketchum was immediately chosen. Then he expressed the opinion that Joseph McNally, of Albany, had in him the makings of a fine secretary. Mr. McNally is the publicity committee secretary. He told the members of the Legislative Committee that Assemblyman Elmer ought to be their secretary, and Elmer was chosen.

Then Mr. Sulzer walked over to the Ways and Means Committee, where the question over how much money was needed and where it was coming from was being discussed. Vito Contessa, of New York, had started the contributions by peddling a yellow \$50 bill of his roll and handing it to the secretary.

"Put me down for \$250," said the Governor, as he broke into the circle, "and put Mr. Morgenthau down for \$100."

Henry Morgenthau, who was chairman, smiled as he told the secretary it was all right. Henry Lehman, the treasurer, gave another \$100. Maurice Wertheim, the secretary, gave \$250 and L. F. Josephthal \$50. The committee decided that \$25,000 would be enough for the campaign, and divided the state into contribution districts. New York is expected to give \$10,000, Brooklyn and Long Island \$5,000, Erie County \$3,000, and the rest is to come from the remainder of the state.

MAYOR "FELT BIG" ON TRIP

Sunday Ball Game Caused It—Enjoyed Coney Island.

Mayor Gaynor believes he has done at least one good thing as Mayor. He expressed his ideas about it yesterday, speaking of his trip through Prospect Park and to Coney Island. He said:

"Yes, I went about a little yesterday to see what people were doing. I saw twenty thousand boys and young men on the Prospect Park Parade Ground, in Brooklyn, at ball games at 3 o'clock in the afternoon. Better for them to be there than in some saloon or worse place. It is now nearly a year ago that I caused this splendid field to be thrown open to outdoor games on Sunday afternoon. I have at least done that much as Mayor. No one can take that away from me."

"I felt big as I witnessed the result yesterday. And a lot of the boys thanked me. The boys have as much right to play ball on Sunday as the men have to play golf. And there is no law against it. But they should all go to church in the forenoon. I also went to Coney Island. There was a large crowd of good, orderly people there."

TO UNIFY RECREATION WORK

Mayor Summons Officials and Warns Against Friction.

Because the public recreation commission has been hampered by lack of funds Mayor Gaynor has suggested that the members meet with the heads of departments having similar interests. There was a preliminary conference in the Mayor's reception room yesterday afternoon. Another will be held Monday. "I have asked you to come here and arrive at some understanding," said the Mayor, "in regard to the organization of recreation work. Otherwise there will be a loss of energy and time through constant friction."

Those present were James E. Sullivan, General George W. Wing, James T. Kirby, H. Gilman and Mrs. V. G. McKim, representing the recreation commission; Park Commissioners Stover and Manhattan, Higgins of the Bronx and Kennedy of Brooklyn, representing the Park Department; Commissioner R. A. C. Smith, of the Department of Parks and Ferries; William J. Lee, supervisor of recreation centers; Dr. E. W. Stitt, of the Board of Education, and Leo Arnsperg, representing President McAneny.

NEED NOT PAY TAXES

Court Won't Reopen Leased Corporation Decision.

Washington, May 12.—The Supreme Court refused to-day a rehearing in the Minchell Corporation tax case, in which it was decided that a corporation engaged only in leasing its property and investing its funds was not "doing business" so as to be liable for the tax. The decision exempted hundreds of railroad companies from paying the tax, as well as telegraph and other corporations.

Attorney General McKennedy asked a rehearing on the ground that the decision was in conflict with previous corporation tax decisions of the court and would lead to inequality in the operation of the law. He declared the result would be that any corporation might avoid the tax by simply leasing its plant.

LUNN CHARGES HEADED

State to Investigate Mayor's Little Falls Complaint.

Albany, May 12.—Attorney General Carmody to-day designated James A. Parsons to go to Little Falls to investigate a complaint recently filed with Governor Sulzer by Mayor Lunn of Schoharie county.

The Mayor requested that a special grand jury be called to sit in Herkimer County to investigate alleged brutalities by the Little Falls police and alleged illegal prosecutions during the recent strike of textile workers.

A supplemental complaint was filed to-day by G. P. Buccelli, Italian consular agent in Albany.

INSTITUTIONAL CHURCH WORK CALLED USELESS

Pastor Like a Juggler, Says Speaker at Union Seminary Alumni Dinner.

The multifarious activities of the great institutional church were declared to be valueless and sometimes alien to righteousness by the Rev. David McConnell Steele, pastor of the St. Luke and Epiphany Episcopal Church of Philadelphia, at the twenty-third annual dinner of the Union Seminary Alumni Club in the Hotel Savoy last night. The commencement exercises of the seminary began Sunday morning and will end tomorrow with the distribution of diplomas.

"I know the institutional city church, and it is valueless," said Mr. Steele. "There are certain large institutional churches which are rampant with activity. The truth is that a pastor who tries to run such enterprises is like a juggler who tries to keep a lot of balls in the air."

George L. Webster, of the Church of the Covenant, chairman, spoke of the great work being done by the "heretics" of the seminary. The Rev. J. Henry House, president of the Agricultural College of Salina, described "The Balkan Situation from the Side of the Balkans."

The Rev. Howard S. Bliss, president of the Beyrout College in Asia Minor, was to have spoken on "New Missionary Opportunities in the Turkish Empire," but was incapacitated by illness. President Francis Brown, of Union, spoke in his place.

MANY CITY BILLS VETOED

Same Fate Threatens Marginal Railroad Measure.

[By Telegraph to The Tribune.] Albany, May 12.—Governor Sulzer vetoed to-day twenty-two bills, affecting various cities on the ground that under the new home rule law they had the powers sought. His action followed an opinion on the question from Attorney General Carmody.

The same fate may be met by two New York City bills, now before the Governor. One, introduced by Senator Cullen, provides for the operation of a marginal railroad along the dock front in South Brooklyn, to facilitate commerce. The proposed road is to be owned by the city, and the bill provides that in its operation all the trunk lines are to co-operate. The bill is opposed by waterways interests on the ground that it gives the railroads an unfair advantage.

The Governor said he was having this question looked into by experts and that if he found it would give the railroad any undue power he would veto it. He will also not approve it if he finds the city under the home rule law has the power to handle the situation.

The other bill is that of Senator Velte, which would permit the sinking fund commissioners to transfer property from one department to another, or to sell unused property belonging to the city.

THOMPSON'S WIFE MAY TELL

Ex-Inspector's Friends Hint She Would Aid Graft Inquiry.

Friends of James F. Thompson who saw District Attorney Whitman yesterday in behalf of the former inspector indicated that Mrs. Thompson would be willing to aid the police graft inquiry if some sort of inducement in the way of clemency for her husband were held out to her.

Mrs. Thompson, according to the story, was a witness to several meetings between her husband and the Police Headquarters civilian who is generally credited with being one of the chief central cogs in the "system."

Thompson is reported as being in poor condition physically, and the confinement and food on Blackwell's Island are not conducive to recovery. It is believed that if Thompson would testify to all he knows of the "system's" methods, and lay bare the trail to Police Headquarters, the District Attorney would be willing to recommend a pardon for him.

But until he is assured of the nature of Thompson's possible evidence and the degree of corroboration that may be expected from Mrs. Thompson Mr. Whitman has declined to treat with the former inspector's friends.

BECKER MAY COME HERE

Convicted Lieutenant Possible Witness in Widow's Suit.

Charles Becker, ex-police lieutenant, who is in Sing Sing under sentence of death for the murder of Herman Rosenthal, may be brought to this city the latter part of this month to testify in the part of this Mrs. Mary B. Carter has brought against him and his alleged former mistress agent, Charles B. Pitt, Jr. She claims damages for the killing of her husband, Waverly Carter, in a raid made by Becker while head of the "strong arm squad."

Carter was shot while trying to escape from an alleged gambling house which Becker had raided. Pitt, one of the raiding party, was tried for the death of Carter and acquitted. Wilfred H. Smith, counsel for Mrs. Carter; Hart & Kieffer, for Becker, and William Weil, for Pitt, entered into a stipulation yesterday not to have the case tried before May 26. This stipulation was made to enable Becker to get new counsel, as John W. Hart has expressed a desire to withdraw from the case. Hart has written to the convicted lieutenant and to Mrs. Becker asking that another attorney be retained. Hart, now in the West, has said that Becker has a good defense to the suit.

Albany, May 12.—The Court of Appeals to-day reserved decision on the application of counsel for ex-Police Lieutenant Charles Becker, of New York, for an extension of time in which to argue the appeal from his sentence of death for the murder of Herman Rosenthal, the gambler.

WILSON MEN YIELD ON JERSEY JURY BILL

House Passes Egan Measure with Referendum After They Get "Jim" Smith's Aid.

REFORM SEEMS DOOMED

Machine Gets What It Sought, and Senate Is Expected to Defeat Hybrid Proposal To-day.

[By Telegraph to The Tribune.] Trenton, May 12.—As the result of an agreement between friends of President Wilson and the adherents of the Smith-Nugent machine, the Assembly this afternoon passed a hybrid jury reform bill, after some of the President's most enthusiastic supporters had asserted on the floor of the House that the measure was a makeshift and did not carry out the pledge in the Democratic platform of last fall. It was stated that President Wilson had agreed to this compromise, but, despite this fact, eight Democratic Assemblymen refused to vote for it.

Speaker Taylor took the credit for bringing about the passage of the compromise, and he said that, acting as an agent for Joseph P. Tumulty, the President's secretary, he had canvassed the state, among those whom he called on being "Jim" Smith, the old-time Democratic boss of Essex County.

The bill, as passed to-day, is the Egan bill, which provides for the appointment by the Chancellor of a commissioner, who is to act in conjunction with the Sheriff in drawing juries, but instead of the bill becoming operative at once, a referendum was attached to it, with the result that it must be submitted to the voters at the next general election and adopted by a majority before becoming operative.

The referendum was the concession made by the Wilson leaders to the machine, and it practically means no jury reform at all, as it gives the machine an opportunity to concentrate its forces and defeat the measure on Election Day—a situation they had been angling for all along.

Although the President's friends had enough votes to pass a genuine jury reform bill early last week, they found on Saturday the machine had taken away enough of the Assemblymen to make them two votes short. A compromise was suggested, and Speaker Taylor, according to his own statement to-day, received a commission from Secretary Tumulty on Saturday to see what he could do toward lining up enough votes to pass the hybrid measure which went through to-day.

The news of Taylor's visit to "Jim" Smith after his talk with the President's secretary all came out in a heated controversy between the Speaker and Assemblyman Charles O'Connor Hennessey, of Bergen, during which the two nearly came to blows, after Hennessey had called Taylor a liar. Hennessey was one of the most strenuous opponents of the hybrid bill, although always a warm supporter of the President, and his invective and sarcasm was so biting that Speaker Taylor left the chair and accused the Bergen Assemblyman of violating the Democratic platform pledge by voting against the full crew bill.

The bill is expected to come up in the Senate to-morrow, but is not expected to pass, the latest information here to-night being that the nine Republicans will stand solidly against it. It was even said that opposition from the Democratic side would not be surprising. Governor Fielder said that while the bill was an extremely weak one, he nevertheless would sign it if it reached him.

Washington, May 12.—President Wilson viewed with satisfaction the passage of a jury reform bill to-day by the New Jersey House. The White House looked upon the bill as a victory for the efforts of the President in his trip to New Jersey. Mr. Wilson had declared he would favor a referendum if it were genuine and opposed previous proposals because a percentage of the electorate rather than a majority of all votes cast was to decide the issue.

KENNEDY WANTS INQUIRY

Sing Sing Warden Asks Grand Jury to Act on Charges.

John S. Kennedy, warden of the state prison at Sing Sing, visited District Attorney Winslow at White Plains to-day and presented a letter to the Westchester County Grand Jury requesting that body to make a special investigation into the charges made against him in the report of George W. Blake to Governor Sulzer, setting forth startling "mismanagement and waste" in Sing Sing and hinting at graft.

Warden Kennedy said he desired a fair and unbiased investigation because of the statement of alleged "horrors" made in the report to the Governor, which he characterized as "all bosh."

"I never took a dishonest dollar in my life," said the warden in the District Attorney's office. "Why should a man besmirch my office like this man has?" In addition to the letter to the grand jury, the warden sent a similar communication to Governor Sulzer, asking him to direct the grand jury to conduct an inquiry at once.

The Westchester grand jurors, after considering the warden's letter, decided to go to the prison on Thursday morning and make an investigation.

NO MEAN CITY, NOR POOR

New York's Exempted Property Worth \$1,796,620,453.

Figures just compiled by C. Rockland Tynk, secretary of the Department of Taxes and Assessments, show that the property exempted from taxation in the city amounts in assessed valuation to a grand total of \$1,796,620,453. Of this amount about \$1,200,000,000 represents the value of land and real estate improvements owned by the city itself. That figure is in excess of the total assessed valuation of property in the City of Boston.

The property exempted from taxation is divided according to boroughs as follows: Manhattan, \$1,294,620,420; Brooklyn, \$287,718,401; The Bronx, \$147,078,735; Queens, \$49,770,270; and Richmond, \$17,432,626.

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TENTING TO GET MILLIONS

Molenaar Puts Up Canvas Shack on Billings Estate.

\$500,000,000 HIS CLAIM

Has Spent Two Fortunes Already in Trying to Get Title to City Property.

Martin Montrose Molenaar, seventy-five years old, a retired architect and contractor, who spent two fortunes trying to wrest real estate from the present holders of the Manhattan property which he says rightfully belongs to him, has again resumed his fight for land valued at \$500,000,000, according to his statement last night.

A little tent erected by him within the last few days in a lot now owned by the Billings estate, which property he says rightfully belongs to him, marks the opening gun in his present legal battle for the ownership of land now held by William Vincent Astor, George Elmer, the brewer, A. H. Higgins, the carpet manufacturer, C. K. G. Billings and other prominent New Yorkers.

The property, according to Mr. Molenaar, taken in a seventeen-acre strip of land west of Kingsbridge Road to the Hudson River, running from Broadway to the river, which includes the Billings estate; also seven acres, east of Kingsbridge Road, to Fort George Hill, which was at one time known as Grand avenue, and forty-seven acres of land in the heart of Harlem.

The Harlem property, he says, is bounded by 167th street and Seventh avenue on the east, running to 129th street and thence west to Morningside Park and Morningside avenue. In other days this was known as Manhattanville. Molenaar said last night that this large slice of Manhattan was originally owned by his grandfather. He showed maps to bear out his claims.

The story of Molenaar's fight for title to this property goes back to 1878, when, on January 1, he started a legal battle to regain ownership. This fight ended in his going into bankruptcy.

His campaign in 1878 to bring his claim to the attention of the owners of the land he said belonged to him included spectacular bill posting feats. He served notice on the 20 persons who occupied the houses on the land or claimed ownership to it that he was the rightful owner. Now he is going at it in a different way. He has signed over to his eldest son the right of attorney, and the two are planning the erection of five and seven room bungalows on the property of the Billings estate. The little tent is the signal to that estate of his intention to occupy the land.

MEANT TO CURB O'HARA

O'Connell Declares Charges Were To Be Used as Club.

Chicago, May 12.—When the state Senate committee investigating an allegation of immorality against Lieutenant-Governor Harratt O'Hara resumed its hearing to-day William L. O'Connell, treasurer of Cook County, gave testimony confirming that given by the Lieutenant-Governor on Saturday. It was through O'Connell that O'Hara received his first definite information of the Mand Robinson affidavit.

O'Connell said he was visited by Deputy Sheriff Sullivan of Sangamon County, a friend of Samuel Davis, a liquor dealer of Springfield, with information of the existence of the affidavit. In effect Sullivan's communication was that unless O'Hara curbed the vice investigation at Springfield the affidavit would be made the basis of public charges. This document made no direct charge of immorality, but related circumstances which might be construed as supporting such a charge.

O'Connell said he advised O'Hara to let the alleged "frame-up" against him run its course. Sullivan told O'Connell, the latter said, that Davis had been summoned as a witness before the vice commission, and proposed to use the affidavit as a club over O'Hara to avoid testifying.

Members of the Press Club testified to O'Hara's presence at the club rooms on the night of January 17 and 18. Records of the club were produced showing purchases made by the Lieutenant-Governor.

A waiter at the Hotel Sherman where "Tuncan and wife" and "Miller and wife" were registered, swore to bar and café checks charged against the rooms occupied by Miss Robinson and her woman companion on January 17 and 18. Drinks were served to as high as five persons, but on no occasion did the waiter see more than one man there. He described this person as a blonde of heavy build, O'Hara is dark and of comparatively light stature.

The hearing will be continued to-morrow in Springfield.

HOLD-UP MEN GO TO PRISON

Two Gangsters Get Long Terms—Others Awaiting Trial.

Indeterminate sentences of from ten to twenty years were passed yesterday by Judge Fawcett, of the Kings County Court, on Biaggio Bocci, twenty-two years old, and Biaggio Corallo, nineteen years old, members of the "Bearcat" Levy gang. The men held up William Smart, Joseph Sasso and William Walters and stole their money, watches and overcoats on the evening of March 22 in Division avenue, Williamsburg.

Two other members of the gang are charged with taking part in the hold-up and are awaiting trial. Three more are awaiting trial for the murder of David Minzer at the entrance of the Williamsburg Bridge Plaza last week. The gang has been terrorizing the Eastern District of Brooklyn for several weeks, and the police believe that a number of East Side gangsters have joined the organization.

2,000 AT MOOSE DINNER

Fusion the Principal Topic Discussed by Speakers.

PARTY NAMES NOT WANTED

Colonel Roosevelt Sends Letter Asking Progressives to Support Sulzer's Primary Bill.

The National Progressive party of New York County held a "dollar dinner conference" at the Star Casino, 16th street and Lexington avenue, last night. About two thousand persons attended, among whom were many women. Fusion in the coming Mayoralty campaign was discussed by the speakers and a tentative municipal platform was outlined.

Francis W. Bird, chairman of the New York County Committee of the Progressive party, was toastmaster. The speakers were Congressman Walter M. Chandler, Leonard M. Walstein, William L. Ransome, chairman of the platform committee of the county committee; Mrs. Frederick Nathan, who spoke on the subject of "Woman in Politics"; Amos Pinelot, J. J. Fitzgerald and J. J. O'Connell.

Mr. Pinelot spoke on "Fusion" and undertook to outline the Progressive party's attitude in that respect in the municipal campaign. "The question arises," he said, "what shall be the attitude of the Progressive party toward fusion? The answer seems to me plain. If fusion will stand for something more real than the question of candidates, more vital than mere respectability in office—if fusion will reduce and work for measures which will actually mean something to the people of New York—then, and not otherwise, we will stand for fusion."

"Fusion has neither planned deeply nor wisely, but has sought to cure the cancers of civilization with amrita and potent plaster. Never once have our respectable and excellent leaders of reform put their shoulders to the real wheel, or given the inspiration of their good names and the power of their wealth, influence, respectability and righteous indignation to anything that would tend to make the majority able to get along better; and that, after all, seems to us of the Progressive party to be the main object of government."

A letter from Colonel Roosevelt was read, in which he said that he "most cordially backed the direct primary bill urged by Governor Sulzer," and expressed the wish that the Progressive party throughout the state would do the same.

Some of the things suggested by Mr. Ransome in outlining the first municipal platform of the Progressive party were: Elimination of national party names and emblems from the ballot in municipal primaries and elections; adequate powers to the Board of Estimate and its members held responsible and directly accountable, through some suitable form of the recall; the right to invoke the referendum upon important franchise matters and contracts involving the private operation of public utilities; immediate action

ROVING STRIKE BANDS

STORM BARBER SHOPS

SOLD COCAINE TO UNFORTUNATE GIRLS

East Side Woman Convicted on Story of Victim Who Had to Pay for Drug.

Mrs. Mary Frances, of No. 128 East 15th street, was convicted of the illegal possession of cocaine yesterday before Judge Mulqueen in General Sessions. She is said to have sold the drug in her home to street walkers. She was suspected by the police, and on June 25, 1912, detectives arrested Viola Martin as she was leaving Mrs. Frances's house.

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Mrs. Frances denied the charge.

ASK FREIGHT RATE RAISE

Eastern Railroads to Make Application To-morrow.

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If it should be found by the commission that there is prima facie reason for a consideration of the application it is likely an order for an inquiry may be issued. That method would save the railroads the great expense of preparing and issuing new tariffs—an expense that would aggregate nearly a quarter of a million dollars. Of course, if such tariffs were filed they would be suspended by the commission pending an investigation of the reasonableness of the proposed advances, but it is not regarded as necessary in this instance to file tariffs in order to get the question before the commission.

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CITY STRUCTURES APPROVED

Brooklyn Municipal Building and Pulitzer Fountain Get Art O. K.

The Municipal Art Commission gave its final approval at its meeting yesterday to the Brooklyn municipal building and the Joseph Pulitzer fountain, the latter to be placed on the axis of the Sherman monument, in the 59th street plaza. The municipal structure is to cost \$3,300,000. The architects are McKim, Voorhees & Gmelin, of New York. The Pulitzer fountain was designed by Carriere & Hastings. The sculptor to execute a figure to surmount the fountain has not been chosen. The cost of the fountain and the rearrangement of the plaza is estimated at \$12,500. The fountain proper will cost \$42,000.